

Tempe PRE



NEWSLETTER

Tempe PRE is a program of the City of Tempe, in partnership with the Tempe Elementary School District.

We are here to help you navigate the Tempe PRE program.

Please contact us for assistance
480-858-7735
Pre-k@tempe.gov

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Returning Families

ALL returning families are required to complete a re-verification for the next school year. Your child's spot is reserved but pending registration.

Please contact the Tempe PRE office as soon as possible to submit your paperwork and sign the Tempe PRE forms for the 2021-22 school year.



DES CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

We are excited to offer expanded access to financial assistance through the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). **We encourage ALL Tempe PRE parents who qualified for free tuition to apply for DES before the beginning of the school year.**

What are the benefits of qualifying for DES Child Care Subsidy now?

- ❖ It ensures your family is prepared to secure assistance in high-quality child care as your child progresses through their school career.
- ❖ If you qualify for partial benefits with DES, the City still takes care of the copay to make sure your tuition is free.
- ❖ It opens a free-tuition spot for a family that is waiting when your spot is funded by DES.

What happens if I DO NOT qualify for the DES Child Care Subsidy?

If you qualified for free tuition with Tempe PRE, you are guaranteed free tuition.

There are no waitlists for child care! Visit the website <https://des.az.gov/> to apply online and get eligibility information. You can also call the local office to submit your paperwork (602) 771-6425 or email at CCAMesa@azdes.gov.

All families receiving free tuition must apply for DES, so the sooner the better!



New School Hours

Aguilar, Carminati, Laird, Thew, Getz, and Wood:

Arredondo:

M-Th. 7:50am-2:50pm F. 7:50am-1:00pm

M-Th. 9:00am-4:00pm F. 9:00am-2:10pm

Extended care: M-F. 7:00am-6:00pm for children already approved.

First Day of School

Your child is growing up and is just a few steps away from going off to "school."

Your child's first day of preschool can produce a range of feelings from happiness and excitement to uncertainty and maybe even a bit of anxiety. Whatever you are feeling, we want to tell you that it is okay, and we are with you. Our teachers and assistants are getting ready for the big day and we want you to prepare along with us. The most important thing is to know that your child will be safe and happy in our classrooms.

You can help prepare your child by telling stories about your first day, what you liked best and what was not so pleasant. Let your child know that school is going to be super fun! Make sure they understand they will be without you for a little while as they are getting to be older and ready for school! You might add that you will be picking them up, eager to hear all how it went! Don't be alarmed if there is some crying on these first couple of days (or weeks). Or conversely, some kids are so excited they run into the classroom without saying goodbye! Every child is different, and this will be a big day for all of us.

We will be ready to offer a safe, supportive, and exciting first day!



Thanks to all our Tempe PRE families for sharing photos of their children. We are excited to see their smiling faces in our classrooms next year!

Our Vision...

To be a safe, nurturing and accepting community school where all students are challenged to learn and be prepared for success in kindergarten.

Inspiring Minds. Investing in our Future.